

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Voluntown will conduct a public hearing by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at 115 Main Street, Voluntown, CT 06384 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits include \$700,000 for Public Facilities; \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns; \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's Application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Voluntown's Community Development/Housing Department, 115 Main Street, Voluntown, CT 06384 or you may telephone 860-376-4089. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

The Community Development/Housing Department on behalf of the Town of Voluntown anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$700,000 under the Public Housing Modernization category for 25 units or less. The Town of Voluntown plans reuse any program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant for public housing modernization.

The Town of Voluntown promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low - and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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*"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Robert Sirpenski, ADA Coordinator, at 860-376-4089 at least five days prior to the hearing"*

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action.